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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,
and every morrow a vision of hope.*

—MERRIAM.

OURSELVES

VENTURES FORTH

With the ending of March 1961 the Bharat Scouts and Guides Bulletin of our State has completed eleven years and it now ventures forth with this number into another eventful year. The past year has been one of strenuous efforts for the development of our movement and the Bulletin played its part well. We can look back with gratification on the results so far achieved.

The Bulletin has become more popular and in this connection we cannot but express our sense of gratefulness to the members of the Editorial Board, to our many subscribers and to many of the regular and casual contributors. We appeal to one and all of them to continue to give us their unstinted co-operation in the coming years.

WELL DONE GUIDES!

We wish to congratulate the Guide Patrol Leader M. Padmini and Guide Second, K. V. Prema, of the

Shivaji Guide Group, Mylapore, of the South Madras District for their having earned the "Bharat Guide" badges. The badges were awarded to them by no less a person than our revered President of the National Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Srimathi Ammu Swaminathan, at the Annual Rally of the South Madras District on the 12th February, 1961. We are also glad to note that as per the available records at the State Headquarters the first Guide to earn the "Bharat Guide" Badge in our State was Guide Vinothini Carunia of Dohanavour Guide Company of Tirunelvelly District in 1955 and the Badge was presented to her by Dame Leslie Whateley, the World Director at Madras in December 1955.

Guides Padmini and Prema are the second set of Guides who have the privilege of winning the much coveted "Bharat Guide" Badge. Shall we have more of them in the near future ?

THE FOUR "Ds".

DISCUSS-DECIDE-DARE and Do : These are the four words that are strongly recommended to be thought over by our Scouters, Guiders, and Commissioners of all ranks. The whole country is full of ideas for planning and we in the movement should likewise march with the current.

At the National level, at the State level, at the District level, at the Local Association level and at the Group level, useful discussions should be held to decide the plans for the year and proper publicity should be given to these plans much in advance so that everyone

in the movement knows the actual details of the plans, when to do, what to do, why to do, and how to do. Once the plans are broadcasted, everyone in the movement should dare in a spirit of adventure to carry out the plans decided upon unmindful of the difficulties that may crop up. It is hoped that this year will see simple plans effectively carried out through out our State for the development of Scouting and Guiding.

A NEW HELPER.

We are happy that our Headquarters Commissioner for Literature and Publicity, Sri A. V. Jayachandran, who has very good experience in Scouting has now been co-opted as a member of the Editorial Board of our Bulletin and he has kindly agreed to help in the Editorial work. He has some very fine suggestions to improve the Bulletin and we hope that with his help and co-operation, the Bulletin will become more and more popular and useful.

ABUNDANT HARVEST.

Scouters and Guiders—the privilege of working with the little ones is very great, and there are millions of Boys and Girls in our Country eagerly waiting to come into the movement. “The Harvest is Abundant but the reapers are few”. We need larger number of Scouters and Guiders to reap the rich harvest awaiting. The work that we do is a noble one and the reward is sure for it has been said that children are next to God and those who work for the children work for Him too and surely He will not fail to reward us.

LET THIS BE OUR DAILY PRAYER.

“O” Lord renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto Thyself; that our work may not be to us a burden but a delight ; and give us such love as may sweeten all our obedience. ‘O’ let us not serve Thee with the spirit of bondage as slaves but with the cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in Thee and rejoicing in Thy work.”

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

‘The average murderer was born into this world with the propensities and abilities of the average child. The people who in my opinion deserve to be hanged were the parents who neglected their responsibility to give him a right and healthy mind in a healthy body, the teacher who gave him instruction in the three R’s in place of education in character and self-control; the minister who omitted to implant in him the practice of his religion; and the newspaper editor who developed his morbid and salacious tastes by pandering to them’.

Who wrote this ?

None other than B.-P. over a quarter of a century ago.

—Information Bulletin
Dec. 1960. B. S. A London.

**SOME WAYS IN WHICH THINKING DAY
CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN SPENT IN THE
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1960
HELP TO COUNTRIES.**

Chile :

In May of this year, severe earthquakes in Chile, followed by a tidal wave, devastated a third of the country. In the Southern Provinces where the situation was most desperate, all road communications were destroyed so that for some considerable period of time it was not possible for the Government to assess the full extent of the damage or estimate the relief measures most urgently needed.

The Girl Guide Association in Chile, in answer to the World Association's cabled expression of sympathy and offer of help, asked for direct financial assistance towards providing the greatest necessities. Accordingly, the World Association responded with a cheque for £280 from Thinking Day Fund which has been used to send 100 cardigans to Guides in the distressed areas; these will supplement the Government's basic distribution of garments to all in need. Members of the Guide Association are numbered amongst those who in this Chilean disaster have suffered great material, and in many cases family losses.

On such tragic occasions, the Thinking Day Fund, expressing sympathy in a practical form, underlines the real feeling of sisterhood of each individual Guide for her fellow Guides in distress wherever they may be in the World.

Congo :

Prior to the Congo obtaining political independence, grants were made to the two Guide Associations in Belgium to assist in their training schemes in the Congo.

The work has entailed an application of methods of African realities. Whilst until 1958, most of the leaders of African groups

were Europeans, the number of African leaders has now grown considerably, owing to an intensive training. Groups of "guide ya mobka" have started to fill the needs of young married women.

The first Federal Council met in April, 1960, composed of Federal, Regional Commissioners and Congolese leaders; half of the participants were Africans.

Following political independence on 1st July, 1960, funds have been allocated from the Thinking Day Fund to send World Association Representative as soon as the situation permits. This Representative's task will be to report on whether the Girl Guides in the Congo are ready for recognition as a Tenderfoot Member Country. It is already known that, in addition, a specialised Trainer will be required to work in the Congo for several months.

Great Britain :

In the West Indies, a territory approaching political independence, the Guide Movement is also working towards the day it can apply for direct membership of the World Association. To help them prepare for this day, a grant from the Thinking Day Fund has been given to Great Britain the parent country to help ensure the continuance of training over a sufficiently long period.

Greece :

Their Majesties' Fund, Greece. On May 16th, the 17th World Conference meeting in Greece agreed that the sum of £250 should be given from the Thinking Day Fund to the Girl Scouts of Greece to carry out a project for refugee Guides under the auspices of Their Majesties' Fund.

India :

A grant from the Thinking Day Fund made it possible for the Joint National Secretary, who had never left the shores of India, to attend the World Association Training and the 17th World Conference in Greece, and come to England to study organisational methods at the British Girl Guide Association National Headquarters and World Bureau as well as observe active Guiding in England,

and visit Our Chalet. This wider experience should prove invaluable for the ever-growing Movement in India.

Laos:

Despite unsettled political conditions, the Guide Association is counting to work enthusiastically to develop Guiding in this country. The Thinking Day Fund has helped to fill a need sending them suitable Guide handbooks in French for adaptation to their requirements.

—THE WARATAH.

THE BADEN-POWELL FILM

Over two years have passed since it was first announced that the late Cecil B. de Mille planned to make a film of the Founder's life.

Now comes news that Mr. Sidney Box has been assigned to write the shooting script. He leaves for Hollywood shortly after Christmas to commence his big writing task. This was announced by Mr. Henry Wilcoxon during his visit to the U. K. last week. It is interesting to note that both Mr. Wilcoxon and Mr. Box are ex-Scouts.

"I am looking forward to this assignment very much" says Mr. Box. "Out of several offers recently received I have chosen this particular one not only because of the importance of the subject but also because I shall get a lot of fun doing it".

According to Mr. Wilcoxon the task was offered to Sidney Box "for we feel it is essential that an Englishman should prepare the screen play of this great man who, following his long and distinguished military career, became the acknowledged Pied Piper of peace to many millions of young people all over the world".

GUIDING—WHAT IS IT FOR?

To help a girl become a woman.
Woman——What is she for?

To light a candle and protect it from the wind, Not only from sudden gusts of the great out of doors adversities; but even more from almost imperceptible home draughts.

Woman——who knows how to keep the flame of Truth, Hope and Charity burning for light and warmth of the home, for the Glory of God and peace of the human heart.

—THE WARATAH.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HEADQUARTERS.

The Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, presided over the Rally of Scouts and Guides on 22nd February, 1961 at Valparai and presented the warrant of appointment to Mr. I. D. Edward, as the District Commissioner (Scouts) for Anamallais.

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The State Chief Commissioner, Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu, and State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, attended a District Rally of Scouts and Guides of Anamallais at Valparai on 5th March, 1961. The warrant of appointment as the District Commissioner (Guides) for Anamallais was presented to Mrs. E. A. Body by the State Chief Commissioner at the Rally.

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Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), presided over the Guide Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Madurai District at Madurai on 5th March, 1961.

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Sri R. Messiah Doss, Deputy Camp Chief and Joint State Organising Gommissioner, was deputed to attend the 3rd Asian Training the Team Course in Ceylon from 3rd to 7th March, 1961.

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Sri James D. Isaac, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (Scouts), has been given the additional charge of Cub training.

Honourable charge No. 128, Dated 7th February, 1961 (Cub).

The following Warrants have been issued :

Warrant No & Date	Name and Address.	Area.
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (SCOUTS)		
65/9—2—1961	MR. I. D. EDWARD, Manager, Karamalai Group Estate, Anamallais, (Coimbatore, District)	ANAMALLAIS.
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (GUIDES)		
48/9—2—1961	MRS. E. A. BODY, Stanmore Group, Tea Estates, Anamallais, (Coimbatore District.)	ANAMALLAIS.

DECISIONS.

Throughout life, we are continually taking decisions small or great and it is so important, if we are to make something of our lives that they should be good decisions. We have all seen the muddler who straggles along and can never make up his mind and when he does, it is just as likely to be in the wrong way. Thank God therefore for this Scout Movement which will help all who join it to know what a good decision is and then to take it and follow it out.

I. D. EDWARD.
D. C. (Scouts), ANAMALLAIS

COMPETITIONS.

"Instruction in Scouting should be given as far as possible through practices, games and competitions."

—B. P. "SCOUTING FOR BOYS".

A Game will generally appeal more to the boy than mere practice and its lesson is likely to be appreciated and remembered. So, we may imagine at that the Chief felt that a Scout Competition should be something that would be more enjoyable and more valuable than a game. He probably had in view the informal, quickly decided competition which would arise in the ordinary course of troop work and activities and not the elaborate, highly organised and often very protracted contests which take place in some areas, or even between Patrols of the same troop.

We should also not forget the fact which the Chief urges most strongly, viz., that competition should serve not to discover the most proficient scout in any particular activity but one who is the worst.

These considerations have been overlooked, Competitions have seemed to be such a heaven-sent way of obtaining efficiency and keenness, that they have been allowed in some cases to assume an importance and complexity which in the end has made them a hindrance to Scouters in carrying out their proper work, and has tended to defeat the real object of Scouting. It has too often been overlooked that they are not an end in themselves, but merely one means to an end, one method of instruction in Scouting.

Sometimes, in the organisation of the competition, there may be the suggestion that it is intended to discover the best troop or the best patrol. Such a result is not only impossible but also is neither necessary nor desirable. The best Troop or Patrol is not the one which is the most proficient in knotting, signalling or First Aid, nor even that which shows the greatest ingenuity, resourcefulness, and initiative. There is many a troop composed of untidy, inefficient scallaywags who are nevertheless far

more true Scouts than are some of the polished and efficient winners of District competitions. That which makes a good troop is something which is not measurable or assessable in points. It is that inward vital loyalty to the Promise and the Law we call the Scout Spirit.

But competitions can have a real value so long as they are not overdone. They make for increased keenness, and so long as they help the boy to acquire those fundamental qualities which are the basis of good living, namely, honour without hardness, self-reliance without selfishness, and strength with the sympathy and gentleness which are characteristic of real strength. If competitions were entirely banned in Scout training, there is real loss to the movement, it may lead to weakness and lack of character.

The following points naturally suggest themselves when we think of competitions :—

- (1) Neither too frequent nor too formal.
- (2) Not involving long periods of preparation to the prejudice of good scouting.
- (3) Not complicated, not requiring involved mathematical calculations and not lasting over too long a time.
- (4) Should be varied frequently in method and in subject. This is necessary where the same troop or patrol is winning continuously and there is a very bad spirit in the district in consequence.
- (5) Should provide real enjoyment to the scouts taking part, and should have real adventure and romance.
- (6) Technical efficiency should not always be the main point. Common sense, initiative and resourcefulness should also be taken into account and scope should be given for Leadership and team spirit.
- (7) The attitude of winners and losers should be regarded as of greater importance than the actual winning or losing. Competitions should encourage the habit of playing hard,

but at the same time they should teach scouts to win graciously and to lose with dignity.

As regards Cubs and competitions, it must be clearly understood at the outset that there is little place for anything of a competitive nature, save in the mildest and most informal way, since they live in their own jungle, a jungle full of colour and romance.

The individualistic outlook is strong, while the team spirit, if any, is very weak. It is good for Packs to meet others, to find other families of Cubs living in the same jungle, and to play with them, but this is a very different thing from competing against them. We are not so concerned with efficiency as in making sure that our Packs are happy. We should not forget that our Cubs are still children and theirs is the right of happy childhood. They will, soon enough, have to face the world with all its fierce competition, its rivalries, envy and bitterness, and it is not for us to hasten the coming of these things.

It is true that they may lead to efficiency, but efficiency is not everything, nor even the most important thing, and we should do well to remember that mere efficiency is of no value if in its acquisition we have lost in any way what are far more important—Courtesy, Unselfishness and Brotherliness—all of which may be endangered if we allow the competitive interest too much place in our programme.

—(Adapted from the "Scouter".)

THINKING DAY FUND TOTALS

The year ended 31st December, 1958, £ 19,116/3/10.

The year ended 31st December, 1959, £ 21,046/19/8

January to September only, 1960, £ 19,031/14/7

DISTRICT NEWS

ANAMALLAIS

A rally of Cubs and Bulbuls of Finlays Group tea plantations was held on 19th February 1961 at Selaliparai Estate Football grounds with Mrs. Seth, Vice-President of Anamallais District Association presiding. Mr. Seth, Manager, Old Valparai addressed the gathering of parents and the public.

The Thinking Day and the Birthday of Lord B.P., the Founder of the movement, was celebrated on 22—2—1961 by the District Association at a rally held on Nallacathu Estate Grounds when 1085 Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts, Guides, Scouters and Guiders Participated.

Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, Madras, presided, and presented the warrant of appointment as District Commissioner (Scouts) to Mr. I.D. Edward, General Manager, Karamalai Estates. Sri B. M. Reddy addressed the gathering followed by an interesting demonstration of scout and guide activities. The function terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Sri A. Dhanaraj, the District Secretary.

Sri P. S. Ranganathan, District Scout Organiser was in charge of the Rally and Sri K. Srinivasan, Manager, Nallacathu Estate, deserves the warmest thanks for all the help rendered for the successful conduct of the rally.

AYYEMPETTAI

The Guide Group of the local Board Higher Elementary School, celebrated the 'GUIDE DAY' on 3—2—1961 with a rally and Camp Fire. Srimathi Sarathambal Chandrasekaran presided over the function.

CHIDAMBARAM

The Local Association at Chidambaram celebrated the Thinking Day on 22nd February at a Rally with Mr. P. Govindan, Head of the Department of Zoology, Anamallai University, presiding. After the hoisting of the flag by the president, Sri N. Rajagopalan welcome

the gathering. Sri A Ramasamy Pillai, Lecturer in Tamil, Anamallai University, spoke on Scouting. After an interesting demonstration of Scout activities, Sri N. V. Ramaswamy, Secretary of the Association proposed a vote of thanks.

COIMBATORE

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, our State Chief Commissioner was entertained at a TEA PARTY by the members of the Coimbatore District Bharat Scouts and Guides Association on Monday the 6th March, 1961, at 4 p.m. in the Red Cross Building, Coimbatore.

Sri A. M. Venkatarangam, District Secretary, welcomed the Chief Guest and informed him that the Scout and Guide units of the District have been doing regular work and also maintaining their strength and standard of efficiency.

The Chief Commissioner appreciated the silent work done by the units and advised them to show more progress in strength and efficiency in the future.

Mrs. G. Arulanandam, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) spoke about the regular work of the Guiders' Club and the excellent work turned out by the Government Girls' High School units. Mr. S. Sivaramakrishnan, District Scout Organiser and Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) spoke about the regular taluk and District Rallies held for the 64 District Board units in the District.

The Headmaster, Suburban High School, also gave some suggestions for the development of Scouting in the State.

Mr. A. W. Harcourt, the District Treasurer, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chief Commissioner and the other guests.

MADRAS CORPORATION

On the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen to the Corporation Stadium to witness the Children's Rally on 20—2—1961, Scouters of the Corporation Schools rendered service by providing drinking water to the large numbers of children. The service was highly appreciated.

MADRAS WEST

The Annual Rally of the Association was held on 25th February 1961 at the Chengalvaraya Nayagar's Compound. Sri R. Sadashivam, Chief Presidency Magistrate, presided. 500 Scouts and Guides attended the rally. There was an interesting demonstration of scout and guide activities and trophies were distributed to the winners. After a vote of thanks proposed by the District Commissioner (Guides), the function terminated

MANNARGUDI

The Local Association celebrated the Thinking Day on 22-2-1961 with a procession of 450 Scouts and Guides headed by a beautifully decorated elephant and a horse and a band.

The procession concluded at the National High School Grounds where the Scouts and Guides were given sweets and were welcomed by Sri G. A. Daniel, the Assistant District Commissioner.

A public meeting was then held with Sri V. Srinivasan the Headmaster of the National High School, presiding. Sri P. Subbaiya Mudaliar, President of the Association welcomed the gathering and Sri V. S. Masilamoni, a veteran Scouter spoke about B.P., the Founder of the movement. Sri N. Ramamurthy, the Secretary of the Local Association explained in detail the significance of the Thinking Day and proposed a vote of thanks.

The Scouters of Mannargudi Taluk met on 25-2-1961. Three minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Gerald Fernando, Field Commissioner.

It was resolved to convey the congratulations of the Scouters to Sri N. D. Sundaravadi Velu, State Commissioner (Scouts) on the award of "Padma Shri" by the President of the Indian Union.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held on the 25-2-1961 at the National High School when suggestions to have a Taluk Rally in March, to organise training courses for Scouters and Guiders and the enrolment of members were apporved

MEGNANAPURAM

100 Guides and Rangers celebrated the Thinking Day on 4th March. There was an interesting programme of activities followed by refreshments and sing song. The District Commissioner Miss Packenham Walsh showed the gathering pictures and photographs of Lady Baden-Powell at Madras and the visit of the Queen to Madras. Some embroidered handkerchiefs from the Megnanapuram Guides were sent with other gifts from India for the Royal Children.

NAGERCOIL

The District Rally of Scouts and Guides was held on Saturday the 21st January, 1961, in the S. L. B. High School grounds presided over by Sri J. A. Ambhashankar, I. A. S. District Collector. About 1,000 Scouts and Guides from 41 High Schools and Upper Primary Schools participated. The District Collector took the salute at the march past. Sri A. Rajagopal, District Secretary, welcomed the gathering. After a successfull Camp Fire, the Rally terminated with a vote of thanks by Sri Mahadevan Pillai, District Commissioner. Earlier during the day there was a Conference of Scouters and Guiders presided over by the District Educational Officer of the Kanyakumari District when matters connected with the development of scouting and guiding were discussed. Sri S. Maria John, Head Master, S. L. B. High School, Nagercoil, was in charge of the various arrangements connected with the Conference and the Rally.

The Guides and Bulbuls of the Little Flower Girls High School, Ramanputhur celebrated the Thinking Day on 22-2-1961.

The Day was observed by the Hoisting of the Bharat Scouts and Guide Flag at 9-30 A.M. and all the members of the Group were in Uniform for the whole day.

At 4-30 P.M. at a solemn ceremony some of the Bulbuls were enrolled. Smt. Marcelloss Mary, the Guide Captain gave a short talk on the importance of the day and on the lives of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. After an interesting Camp Fire the function terminated.

The Thinking Day was celebrated on 22nd February 1961 by the Guides of the St. Joseph's Convent High School in a fitting manner. The Guides provided and served a noon day meal for 170 poor children in the Primary Section of the School. In the afternoon they gave tea to 40 orphan girls of the institution. There was a meeting at which the Guide Promise was renewed and the Captain reviewed the work of the group and spoke on the significance of the day. The meeting came to a close with "taps".

NAZARETH

The Thinking Day was celebrated on Saturday the 25th February by the Local Guides numbering about 200. There was a sing song when the large number of village children were also present. The function ended with "taps".

NILGIRIS

The Republic Day was celebrated by the Scout and Guide Groups at Attikunna Estate, Gudalore and Graigmore Estates by holding Rallies in their respective places.

The Birth Day of Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides) was celebrated at a Rally held at Craigmore on 3-3-1961 when 350 Scouts and Guides of all ranks were present! After an interesting demonstration of Scout and Guide activities many spoke about the good work done by Mrs. Maclaine-Clarke.

The Scouts of the St. Joseph's High School, Ootacamund, camped at Arambishola from 3rd to 6th March, 1961. Rev. Father Devasagayam, Headmaster of the High School, inaugurated the camp. Sri A. Joseph Protus was in charge of the camp. Second class tests were practised during the camp. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Scout Organiser, was present at the camp and spoke to the Scouts.

13 Scouters and Guiders from the various Tea Estates in Nilgiri visited Madras on the 19th February to see Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth. The State Headquarters made very good arrangements to enable the Scouts and Guides who came from various parts of the State to see the Queen on her drive through the Marina.

PALAYANKOTTAI

The Birth Day of the Chiefs was celebrated on 22nd February at Bishop Sargent Training School grounds. Guides and Rangers of the S. T. College School, the School for the Blind and Mary Sargent School, numbering about 150 participated in the function. After an interesting demonstration of Guide activities the function came to a close.

PERALAM

25 Scouts of the Board High School, Peralam, camped at Kottapadi from 24th to 26th February. The Camp was inaugurated by Sri P. Sethuraman, one of the Land Lords of the Village who gave all possible help to the Scouts for the successful camping. Sri R. Muthayyan, the Headmaster, helped in the various arrangements.

Sri A. R. Kunjithapatham, the Scoutmaster, was in charge of the camp. Sri H. Krishnamurthy the District Scout Organiser and Sri A.A. Josop, Scouters Kodavasal, were also present at the camp.

PUTHALAM

The Thinking Day was celebrated on 22nd February 1961 by the Scouts and Guides of the L. M. P. C. High School when the Guide Captain of the High School gave a talk on the importance of the occasion.

SALEM

Under the auspices of the City Scouting and Guiding Club, the Birth Day of Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of the Movement, was celebrated at a Rally of 340 Scouts and Guides on 26th February 1961, at the Municipal High School when Sri M. Gopal, Chairman of the Municipal Council presided. Sri A. G. Adithya Nadar District Superintendent of Police, hoisted the flag, reviewed the groups at the rally and took the salute at the march past of the Scouts and Guides. Srimathi R. Thulasi, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) spoke about Lord Baden-Powell. After a vote of thanks by Sri K. Devarajan, the Secretary of the Club, the Rally came to a close.

TANJORE

Sri H. Krishnamurthy, the District Scout Organiser visited during the month of February the following places : Ayyempettai, Mandiyur, Tiruvarur, Ammayappan, Nannilam, Peralam, Samannallur, Enangudy, Tirumangal, Titacheri and Kotapadi.

TIRUCHIRAPALLI

The Guiders of Trichinopoly met on 28-1-1961 at Pudukottai Palace with Srimathi Rajakumari Ramadevi the District Commissioner (Guides) in the Chair. After refreshments, Sri M. A. Sundararajan spoke on the Organisation of Scouting and Guiding at various levels. The District Commissioner (Guides) appealed to the Guiders to carry on the group work regularly and efficiently. It was decided to have a Guide Captains Training Course during the year. A Guiders' Club for Trichi was formed with Mrs. L. Lazarus, Guide Captain of the Methodist Girls High School as Secretary.

The Thinking Day and the Birthday of Lord B. P. the Founder of the movement at a Rally of Scouts and Guides held at the National College High School grounds on 22nd February 1961 at 5-30 P.M. Srimathi Rajkumari Rama Devi, District Commissioner (Guides) presented the warrant of appointment as District Commissioner (Scouts) to Sri S. Mohamed Habib, District Educational Officer, who took the Scout Promise administered by Sri M. A. Sundararajan, the Assistant District Commissioner. After a talk by Sri R. Sundaram, Assistant District Commissioner, Dalmiapuram, on the life of Lord B.P., there were interesting demonstrations of Scout and Guide activities.

33 Scouts and Guides of the National College School camped on 26th February 1961 in Sri Rajagopala Pillai Thope near Uthamarkoil.

TITACHERI

The Birthday of B.P., the Founder of the movement was celebrated on 22-2-1961 by the Scouts of the Board Middle School with a Rally and Camp Fire presided over by Sri H. Krishnamurthy, the District Scout Organiser.

TITTAGUDI

Twenty eight Scouts with two Scouters, Sri V. Gopalan and N. Krishnan of the Board High School, Tittagudi, South Arcot District went to Tiruvatathurai, five miles from here and rendered service at Masi Makam Festival on 1st March, 1961.

TUTICORIN

The Thinking Day and the Birthday of Lord B.P the Founder of the movement were celebrated by the Local Association at a Rally of Scouts and Guides held on 22nd February, 1961 with Sri S. Isaac, Principal of the V. O. C. Teachers College, presiding. Mrs. Leena David hoisted the Flag and gave the Thinking Day message. There was a demonstration of Scout and Guide activities. Mrs. Rajapandian, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) was in charge of the Rally. Sri V. Antonysamy, the Secretary of the Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

SEA SCOUTMASTERS.

Four of our Scouters who attended the Sea Scoutmasters Training Course held at Khadakvasla near Poona from 14th to 24th December, 1960, have been awarded the following certificates :

Certificate Number and Date.

Name and District.

HIMALAYA WOOD BADGE SEA SCOUT PART II

1/14 – 24th Dec. 1960

Sri T. S. Sankaran,
East Madras.

ADVANCE

4/14 – 24th Dec. 1960

Sri C. V. Santhanakrishnan,
East Madras.

PRELIMINARY

5/14 – 24th Dec. 1960

Sri P. S. Ganesan,
North Madras.

6/14 – 24th Dec. 1960

Sri T. G. Gopalakrishnan,
East Madras.

WORLD CHIEF GUIDE'S LETTER TO OUR STATE COMMISSIONER

January 6th 1961.

LATE AT NIGHT

Dear Mrs. Gopal Ratnam,

Before I fly away again tomorrow I must quickly seize this little moment to send you a note to offer to you, and to ALL OUR Guides and Guiders, and your helpers and supporters my very warmest thanks for this most lovely welcome that you have all given to me this week.

It has been just such a delight to be here with you for these good days, and to have seen so many of your Guides and Bul-buls and their leaders, and to realise how splendidly you have grown and advanced in recent years.

I do rejoice indeed, with you and for you over this most happy state of affairs; and, whilst offering you my very cordial congratulations on all this fine achievement, I also would like to offer you my best wishes for all further advancement and success too.

I know very well that there are many handicaps and difficulties to be overcome. But these are only a "test of our steel" and with confidence and courage, we can conquer them all !

It was so good of you to plan and arrange such very nice events with you all ; and I would specially like to pay my tribute to those who PLANNED and to those who PERFORMED at the splendid CAMP FIRE to-night. It was all carried through with such a cheery good spirit ; and I shall never forget that truly lovely scene.

With warmest thanks to you ALL for this most delightful time amongst you; and my best thoughts will be with you all in the coming years!

Yours affectionately,
Sd. OLAVE BADEN-POWELL.

NEARING MIDNIGHT

P. S.

I am coming to the end of my tether, and am TEARING along on the typewriter to try and get all letters done to-night!

So please excuse this rather short note, and I only hope that perhaps it may do for you to insert - IF YOU SO WISH - into your BULLETIN next week!

To you PERSONALLY I add my very SPECIAL thanks and you HAVE BEEN SO GOOD TO ME, and I have appreciated it all ENORMOUSLY!

THANK YOU—THANK you!

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Sd. OLAVE BADEN-POWELL.

THE GUIDE LAW

conveys a code of living which includes:

HONOUR: Integrity of intention and justice in thought, word and deed.

LOYALTY: Faithfulness to the ideals and standards of Guiding.

HELPFULNESS: The continual offering of ourselves in service.

FRIENDLINESS: Understanding co-operation with others.

COURTESY: Consideration for the feelings and needs of others.

KINDNESS: Recognition of our responsibility to all living things.

OBEDIENCE: Self-discipline and willing respect for authority.

CHEERFULNESS: Courage, valiance and serenity in the face of danger and difficulty.

THRIFT: The right use of all gifts, spiritual, mental, physical and material, in the service of God.

PURITY: The rightful developing and manifesting of God's gift of creative power through thought, word and deed.

—(From "The Trefoil Guild" leaflet).

THE WORLD JAMBOREE 1963.

It appears likely that the next World Jamboree which falls due in 1963 will be held in Europe. At the meeting of the International Committee held in Ottawa, Canada, a few weeks ago it was decided to recommend to the International Conference that the 11th World Scout Jamboree be held in Greece who has offered to organise the event.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. F. HOWARD OAKLEY

Mr. F. Howard Oakley. Ex-Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Madras State, passed away peacefully after a brief illness in Madras on 19th March 1961. He was the Managing Director of Oakley Bowden Company and took a great interest in the welfare and uplift of the Anglo-Indian and Domicile European Boys of the Madras City. He was the founder President of the Eversleigh Boys' Club and was also the Group Scoutmaster for a number of years. He was a firm believer in the Boy Scout Movement and was a Provincial Commissioner from 1921 to 1923. The first Wood Badge Part II course was held in Madras during his regime in 1922. He also led the Madras Contingent to the Wimbley Jamboree as its Leader. He was also the Camp Commandant of the first Madras Provincial Jamboree held in 1925. Even after his retirement from his official duties he worked for the cause of the youth. His name will ever be remembered by all those who had come in contact with him in some capacity or the other. His personal example is worthy of emulation.

Dr. R. PADMANABHAN, M.B.B.S.,
Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Kerala State.

Dr. R. Padmanabhan M.B.B.S., Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts). Palghat, Kerala State, passed away in January 1961. He was ailing for some time. He joined the Scout Movement first as an Assistant District Commissioner of the Hindustan Scout Association and a few years later he became the District Commissioner (Scouts) for South Malabar District and continued until the formation of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Under the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, he held a Warrant as a District Commissioner (Scouts) until the formation of the separate Kerala State.

Sri N. SANKARAN,
Deputy Commissioner of Corporation, Madras.

We regret to announce the sudden demise of Sri N. Sankaran, Deputy Commissioner of Corporation, Madras. Sri Sankaran was taking keen interest in the growth of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE.

..... EDITOR

**POSTING OF THE STATE ORGANISING
COMMISSIONERS TO VARIOUS CENTRES FROM
1st APRIL, 1961, ONWARDS.**

In order to increase the efficiency and proper working of our Association and to give personal assistance to all the units in our State, the Organising Commissioners are posted to the various centres as follows :—

1. Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner, (Scouts), is posted to Madurai Centre with jurisdiction over Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari Districts.
2. Sri M. Ram Mohan, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), is posted to Coimbatore Centre, with jurisdiction over Coimbatore, Salem, Nilgiris and Tiruchy Districts.
3. Sri R. Messiah Doss, Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), is posted to Cuddalore Centre, with jurisdiction over Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot and Tanjore Districts.

The Organising Commissioners will begin to work from their respective centres from April 1st, 1961 or soon thereafter but not later than May 1st, 1961,

[BY ORDER OF THE STATE CHIEF COMMISSIONER]

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY,
Honorary State Secretary.